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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 1614**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Strickland  
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Coto, Leno, and Levine)**

February 23, 2007

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An act to amend Section 596.7 of the Penal Code, relating to animals.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1614, as amended, Strickland. Rodeo animals.

Existing law requires the management of any professionally sanctioned or amateur rodeo that intends to perform in any city, county, or city and county to ensure that there is a licensed veterinarian present during the performances of the rodeo or on-call, as specified. Existing law establishes the duties of the veterinarian and rodeo management with respect to the treatment of injured animals. For purposes of these provisions “rodeo” is defined as, among other things, a public performance featuring 4 or more of specified events involving bareback bronc riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, or team roping.

This bill would revise the definition of a rodeo to include a performance of 3 or more of these specified events and ~~that is open to the public, on public property, for which admission is charged, or that sells or accepts sponsorships~~ *would define a “performance” for this*

*purpose.* By changing the definition of an infraction, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 596.7 of the Penal Code is amended to  
2 read:

3 596.7. (a) (1) For purposes of this section, “rodeo” means a  
4 performance featuring competition between persons that includes  
5 three or more of the following events: bareback bronc riding, saddle  
6 bronc riding, bull riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, ~~or team roping~~  
7 ~~and that is open to the public, on public property, for which~~  
8 ~~admission is charged, or that sells or accepts sponsorships. or team~~  
9 ~~roping.~~

10 (2) *A rodeo performed on private property for which admission*  
11 *is charged, or that sells or accepts sponsorships, or is open to the*  
12 *public constitutes a performance for the purpose of this subdivision.*

13 (b) The management of any professionally sanctioned or amateur  
14 rodeo that intends to perform in any city, county, or city and county  
15 shall ensure that there is a veterinarian licensed to practice in this  
16 state present at all times during the performances of the rodeo, or  
17 a veterinarian licensed to practice in the state who is on-call and  
18 able to arrive at the rodeo within one hour after a determination  
19 has been made that there is an injury which requires treatment to  
20 be provided by a veterinarian.

21 (c) (1) The attending or on-call veterinarian shall have complete  
22 access to the site of any event in the rodeo that uses animals.

23 (2) The attending or on-call veterinarian may, for good cause,  
24 declare any animal unfit for use in any rodeo event.

25 (d) (1) Any animal that is injured during the course of, or as a  
26 result of, any rodeo event shall receive immediate examination  
27 and appropriate treatment by the attending veterinarian or shall  
28 begin receiving examination and appropriate treatment by a

1 veterinarian licensed to practice in this state within one hour of  
2 the determination of the injury requiring veterinary treatment.

3 (2) The attending or on-call veterinarian shall submit a brief  
4 written listing of any animal injury requiring veterinary treatment  
5 to the Veterinary Medical Board within 48 hours of the conclusion  
6 of the rodeo.

7 (3) The rodeo management shall ensure that there is a  
8 conveyance available at all times for the immediate and humane  
9 removal of any injured animal.

10 (e) The rodeo management shall ensure that no electric prod or  
11 similar device is used on any animal once the animal is in the  
12 holding chute, unless necessary to protect the participants and  
13 spectators of the rodeo.

14 (f) A violation of this section is an infraction and shall be  
15 punishable as follows:

16 (1) A fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) and not  
17 more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for a first violation.

18 (2) A fine of not less than one thousand five hundred dollars  
19 (\$1,500) and not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for a  
20 second or subsequent violation.

21 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to  
22 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because  
23 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school  
24 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or  
25 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty  
26 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of  
27 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within  
28 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California  
29 Constitution.